

CASUAL REMARKS.

Last winter Mr. Scott, editor of the Oregonian, visited Salem. The legislators elect were gathered there, and in the headquarters provided by Jonathan Bourne, the populists congregated. Here they discussed choice viands and wises, and incidentally, the initiative and referendum. Jonathan is jovial, a pleasant entertainer, and to many of the followers of Mary Ellen Lease, the temple of Bourne seemed like a glimpse of heaven.

To this resort of Bachaus, Venus and populism, Mr. Scott repaired. He had a piece to speak and he spoke it. He said he had denounced populists and populism through his paper, but he had recently discovered that he was in error. He said he now came before them to make proper apology and to promise that henceforth the Oregonian would refrain from deeply damning populism and lashing populists. The assembled populists applauded loudly, and the lion and the lamblike played together.

This is perhaps not news to all the readers of this paper. It is simply retold as a reminder to the few good republicans who swear by the Oregonian, that they are being gradually led into the populist camp. Have you noticed an editorial in the Oregonian this year criticising Oregon populists? Has not it enticed its vials-of-wrath on the heads of republicans only?

The Oregonian is opposed by the republican newspapers of the state and endorsed by the populist journals. The Herald in Marion county, Statesman in Clackamas, Plaindealer in Douglas, Tidings in Jackson, West Side and Observer in Polk, Transcript in Yamhill, Hatchet and Independent in Washington, Mist in Columbia, Gazette in Morrow, Republican in Umatilla, Republica in Baker—the list is too long to be fully enumerated. All these, stalwart republican papers, consider the Oregonian an enemy to republicanism and a friend to populism. It is hardly pertinent here, but it might be well to add that some of these papers supported Senator Mitchell and some opposed him.

On the other hand the populist organs are loudly praising Mr. Scott and the Oregonian. They know their friends.

This paper has always supported the republican party. The GAZETTE does not believe in fusion or trading. The republican principles are not of the swapping kind. But this paper does not believe in populist republicans as urged by the Oregonian. This paper supported Senator Mitchell for re-election, believing him to be a valuable man for the state, but we do not believe in tying the party to Mr. Mitchell nor to any man or faction. "The republican party stands for honest money and the chance to earn it," and that party is good enough for any patriotic citizen.

REPUBLICAN PRESS COMMENT.

The Oregonian always hunts up some kind of an excuse for its unfairness. Only a few days ago it declared that a statement from Mr. Ellis to the effect that he opposed free coinage of silver would indeed be welcome, but now that it has been made the "only" paper declines to accept it, which, however, makes the little difference only, as said before, to show that paper's unfair methods. If Mr. Ellis should have the declaration engraved upon the stone in the archway of the entrance to the Oregonian building where Harvey Scott could look at it each time he passed in and out, he would still rail at the man who made the statement for having done so. Mr. Ellis does not belong to the class of men who take their cue from the Oregonian and for that reason it opposes him.—St. Helens Mist.

The country press over the state are warming the jacket of the big daily down in Portland pretty lively these days. The Oregonian is being condemned by its own words, which show it to be the biggest bug of all the straddlers.—Hepburn Gazette.

Sunday's Oregonian contains a dispatch from the paper's correspondent in Baker City stating that Congressman Ellis had told the correspondent that if an attempt should be made in congress to pass a bill for free coinage of silver in the United States alone, he would most decidedly vote against it. The Oregonian discredits its own reporter and says, "Mr. Ellis should put this statement in a public address so it may be understood that there is no mistake about it." And yet, when Senator Mitchell put in a public address his indorsement of the St. Louis platform, it insisted upon his making confession of faith in its columns. The big jour-

nal says there is no truth in vermin, and then disbelieves itself.—The Dalles Chronicle.

The Oregonian remarks "various democratic papers, and certain populist journals also, are advocating 'fusion' of all the different silver factions for the coming election" in this state. Well, U'Ren has been roaming around the state under pay of the Corbett-Spott combine giving instructions to populist papers as to what it is proper to advocate, and U'Ren's work is what the Oregonian has just "discovered." Of course what is meant is "fusion" on the money question. There will be no fusion on this question in the next campaign, but there will be "fusion." Not with the breed of cats that "fused" in the last legislature. It will be a fusion of the people against anarchists, for when men are elected to office and refuse to take the oath and do their duty as prescribed by law they are anarchists pure and simple. All the political parties in the state may assemble and put up straight tickets, but the people will fuse on one, and that will be the one that is not indorsed or put up by the men who held up the last legislature.—Astoria Evening News.

ALGER THE ARBITER.

A territory large as the state of New York, rich in fertile soil, immense timber belts and valuable mines, and peopled with industrious and intelligent citizens, will be benefitted and greatly benefitted by the further improvement of Yaquina. The Willamette Valley alone, is an empire that the national government should cheerfully recognize as entitled to its wealth and importance to government aid in the building up of its trade with the world.

Congress has shown its appreciation of the needs of this territory by authorizing the secretary of war to continue the improvements of Yaquina harbor at a cost not to exceed one million dollars. The matter is now in the hands of Secretary Alger, and it is in his power to give the people of the Willamette Valley a competing line to the Southern Pacific railroad, or to annul the act of congress by refusing to carry out its provisions, and thus depriving the Valley and Eastern Oregon of a direct waterway route to the markets of the world.

A million dollars is a large sum, but vastly larger are the sums that will be saved to the farmers and business men of the great territory interested in the further improvement of the harbor at Yaquina.

PHILOMATH NEWS LETTER.

W. H. Bouy returned from Yaquina Monday.

Miss Mabel Cronise, of Corvallis, is in the city.

There will be a shooting match here on the 24th inst.

W. H. Boles is agent for the West Side Nurseries of Albany.

There will be a mothers' meeting at Mrs. Snelling's Thursday afternoon.

The Misses Nora Brown and Lena Derrick, visited Corvallis over Sunday.

The first U. B. quarterly conference, Elder Bell presiding, will convene here next Saturday.

Geo. Smith and wife, of Corvallis, were in the city Sunday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bryan.

Clara Bethers, who has been residing in California for the past two years, returned here last week.

Mrs. Ingle and Fred arrived from Stockton, California, Friday. Fred is convalescing and will soon be well.

B. F. Bond, of Irving, has been canvassing the city and vicinity in the interest of the Dr. Sharp medicines.

The W. C. T. U. will give an entertainment in the college chapel on the evening of the 25th. An interesting program will be presented. All are cordially invited.

PHILOMATH COLLEGE.

Miss Minnie Hendrickson entered school Tuesday morning.

Miss Norton was called home Friday by the death of her brother.

The members of the faculty say that the students have been doing unusually faithful work during the past two weeks.

Manager J. R. Parker has put in two new stoves, which will supply the chapel with an abundant quantity of hot air.

There has been considerable heated discussion and a general revival of the petition industry over the proposed changing of the weekly vacation day. Even members of the faculty have disagreed on the momentous question.

The oyster supper on Monday night was a success. It was given by the Ionian and Laorean literary societies, and the proceeds are to be used in furnishing the literary hall which is nearly completed.

Small pill, safe pill, best pill, Dr. Witt's Little Early Risers cure biliousness, constipation, sick headache, Albin & Woodward.

Misses Rosa and Lilly Hull entered school last week.

Mr. Geo. Leeper attended the county teachers' examination at Corvallis last week.

Prof. Davis preached at the Congregational church of Corvallis Sunday morning.

Miss Minnie Sawyer favored the O. C. E. with an excellent recitation Sunday evening.

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MONROE ITEMS.

The latest is: "I'm homesick to see Jim."

Prof. McElroy came down from Eugene Saturday.

Sol. Richardson and wife made a business trip to Junction last week.

Mrs. Rev. Round delivered an address at Liberty school house last Sunday.

Do you sing? If so, come out to the M. E. church next Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

Miss Rena Woodcock came over from Harrisburg Saturday, returning Monday afternoon.

Chas. Goodman and family, of Harrisburg, visited over Sunday with Mr. Goodman's father, J. B. Goodman, near Dusty.

Travelers from Oakville, California, passed through here Monday enroute to Portland, near Klondike, as you thought we were going to say.

John Bacon and family have removed to Linn county, near Lebanon, Mr. Bacon having bought property there. The farm here was sold to John Wiltz.

The snow, with the rain, and the hail storm Sunday, have nothing to do with the carbuncle on Rev. Round's wrist. Job's comforters are not understood—but will be—by the reverend gentleman, and he fails to find the comfort in them.

WELLS ITEMS.

Mr. Gatz and family are moving to Lebanon this week.

O. M. Vanderpool was doing business in Corvallis last week.

The school at Wells is progressing nicely with Prof. F. W. Holman at the helm.

Mrs. John Tomlinson is visiting with Mr. Rice's folks in Kinks Valley this week.

There was a social dance at Saver on the 12th. Quite a number of the young folks from here attended and all report a good time.

Some one entered the general merchandise store of Mr. Swink at Saver on the night of the 11th, and stole goods to the value of forty dollars.

BLODGETT NEWS.

Dr. Parish and Mr. Stump, of Monmouth, were guests of Mr. Richard's on Sunday evening.

Messrs. Horning and Smith, of Corvallis, were in our valley the first of last week buying sheep.

The preaching service last Saturday evening was well attended. Rev. Vincent was accompanied by Mr. A. Poole, of Monmouth.

Byron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Norton, met his death by drowning on last Thursday morning. He was about thirteen years of age and had gone after the cows, but in crossing a small stream of water fell headlong and did not arise. The remains were taken to the Kings Valley cemetery on Friday and buried. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire neighborhood.

NEWS BOY.

G. R. Hall butchered a fine lot of hogs Saturday.

George Hall was visiting friends near here last week.

Preaching at Simpson's chapel next Sunday by Rev. Round.

Mrs. Porter of Monroe passed through our burg last Sunday.

Rev. G. W. Taylor preached at Bunker Hill last Sunday evening.

Walter Pool has built a house and moved on his farm near here.

D. Perin, G. Humphrey and A. Tharp were in Corvallis last week.

Mrs. A. P. Starr has been sick the past week, but was improving at last accounts.

Wm. Rickard & Co. have bought a wood saw and were trying it Saturday.

Clyde Tharp is improving slowly and can walk around the house with the help of a cane.

C. D. Thompson, the Dusty pedagogue, went to Corvallis last Saturday to visit his family.

Florence Buckingham had the misfortune to cut her hand very badly on a glass churn last week.

A number of our young folks

will attend the masquerade ball at Monroe on the evening of the 25th.

Will and Frank McCurdy are again in our midst. We are glad to see the boys back again as they are quite a help to the band.

Aunt Margaret Howell died at her home near this place Friday night, having been sick for some time with heart trouble and pneumonia.

Mrs. Jolly, Lee, Ben, Nellie and Carrie Porter went to the falls fishing last Saturday and came back Sunday evening. They report a good time and their health much improved.

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